



# Scholar Success Program Update

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# Scholar Success Program

GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
09	Create a Graduation Plan <sup>1</sup>	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience <sup>2</sup>	Estimate the Costs of College
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT or SAT)	Search for Scholarships <sup>3</sup>
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA

# Scholar Success Program

As of June 2016

CLASS	REGISTERED	ON TRACK
2017	71%	22%
2018	73%	31%
2019	58%	35%

As of October 2016

CLASS	REGISTERED	ON TRACK
2017	79%	38%
2018	76%	39%
2019	64%	41%



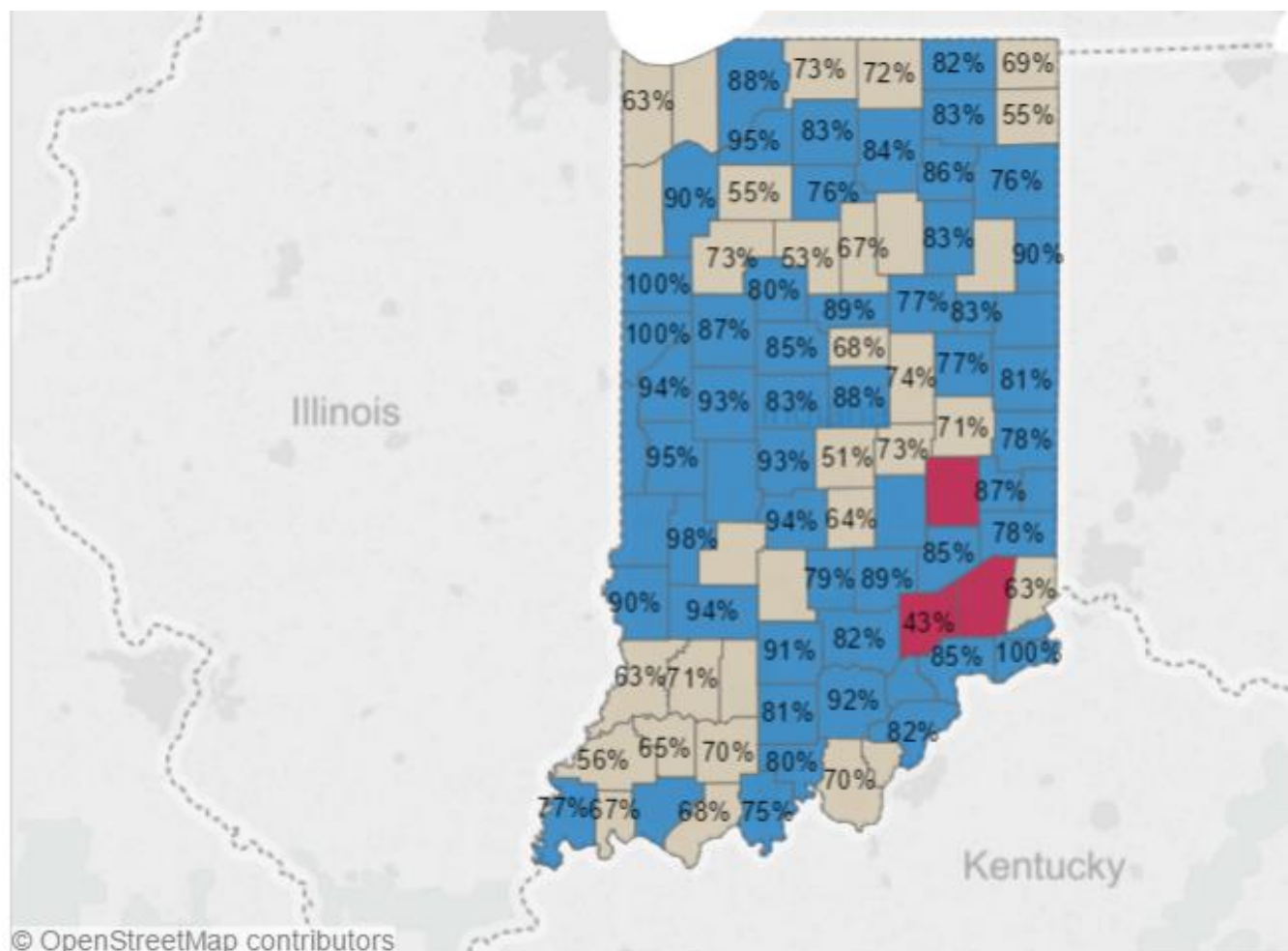
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# ScholarTrack Registration: Class of 2017

**As of June 2016:**

**71%** of students  
on ScholarTrack

**57 of 92** counties  
with 75%+ of  
students on track



**RISK** | HIGH - 50% or below | MEDIUM - 51% to 75% | LOW - 76% and above

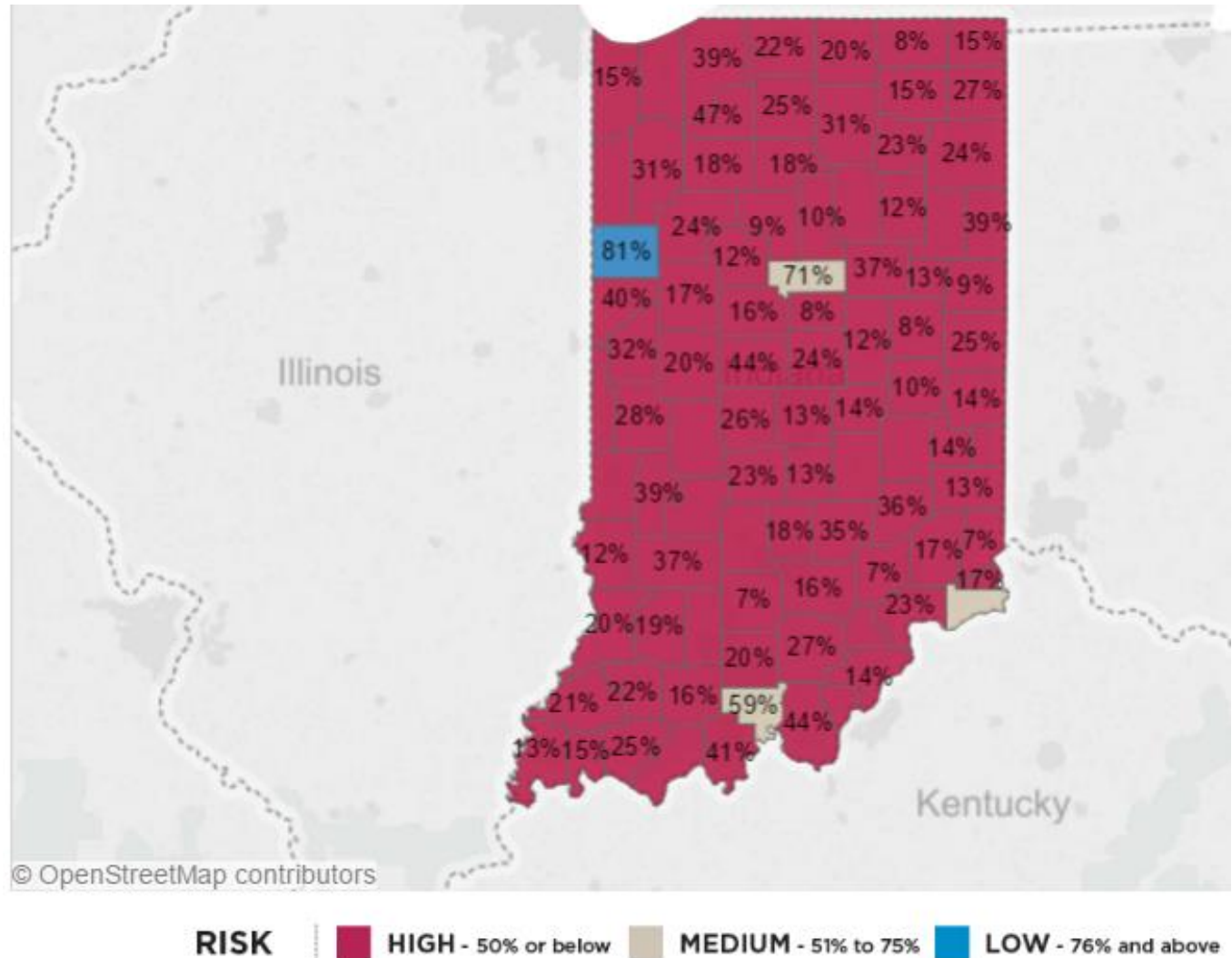


## As of June 2016:

**22%** of students  
on track

**1 of 92** counties  
above 75%

**3 of 92 counties**  
between 51-75%





**38%** of students  
on track

**2 of 92** counties  
above 75%

**17 of 92** counties  
between 51-75%





# Scholar Success Grants





# Scholar Success Grants

- What:** The Scholar Success Grants are designed to support local school communities in ensuring Scholar Success Program completion for the Class of 2017
- Eligibility:** Indiana high schools OR youth-serving organizations in collaboration with one or more high schools
- Amount:** \$25 per Scholar (Class of 2017) who completes all 12 required activities



# Scholar Success Program Grants

- Grants will provide funding support to **100+ high schools** based on applications received
- Majority of applications in high-need areas were submitted in partnership with colleges and community organizations
- Community Organizations & College Partners:
  - ✓ Communities in Schools of Lake County
  - ✓ Indiana Black Expo, Inc. – Anderson Chapter
  - ✓ Institute for Leadership and Performance Improvement
  - ✓ Ivy Tech Community College Northeast
  - ✓ Project Leadership — Delaware County
  - ✓ Project Leadership — Grant County
  - ✓ Purdue University — Calumet
  - ✓ TeenWorks

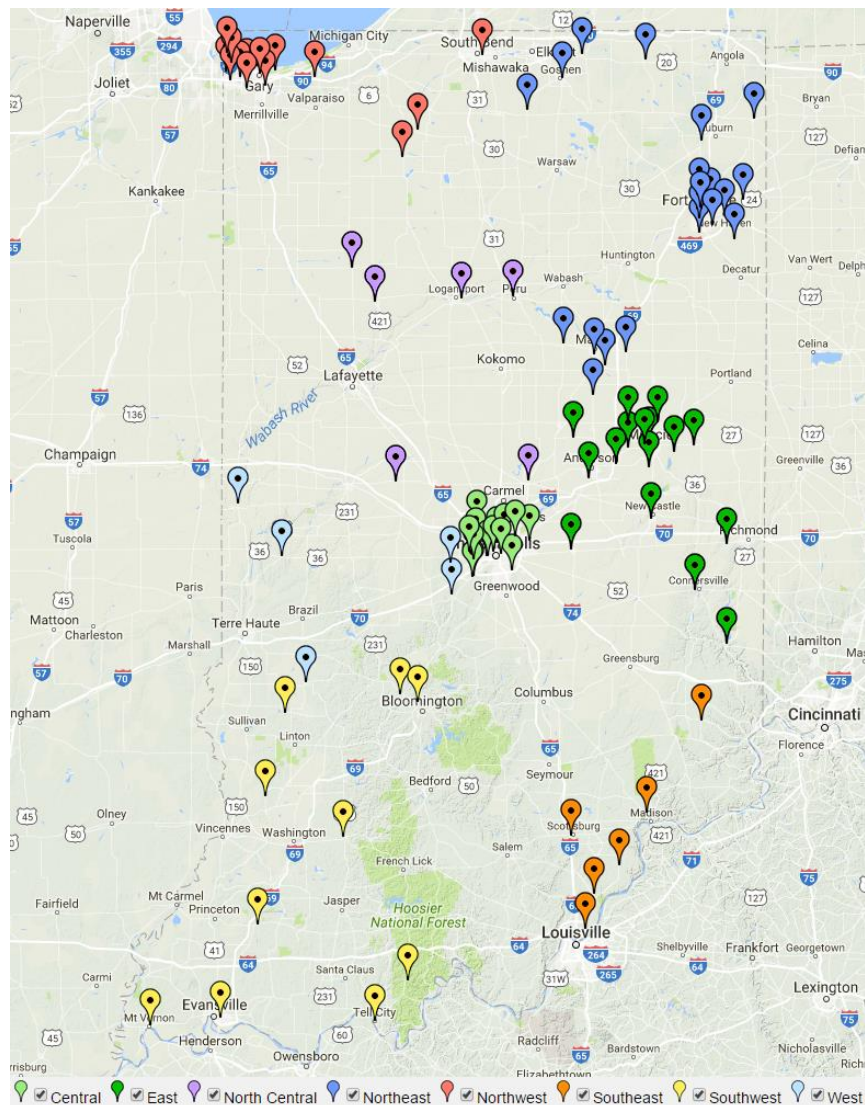
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# Scholar Success Grant Distribution

## Key Points:

- Most applications from high-need population centers
- Fewer applications received from lower-risk counties
- Significant gaps in school engagement, especially in rural areas



# Next Steps

## SHORT-TERM:

- Targeted communication, outreach and capacity-building training
- Focus efforts in high-need areas with low school engagement

## LONG-TERM:

- Advocate for policy changes aligned with CHE's strategic plan:
  - Integrate Scholar Success Program expectations into high school graduation requirements and school accountability measures
  - Require *“Preparing for College & Careers”* and *“Personal Financial Responsibility”* courses for all Indiana students
- Build statewide capacity through \$24.5 million GEAR UP grant





# Indiana GEAR UP

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# GEAR UP: Background



# Federal GEAR UP Grant

- Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a competitive federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education
- The GEAR UP initiatives was signed into public law on September 29, 1998 by President Clinton.
- GEAR UP provides critical early college awareness and support activities to improve access to higher education for low-income, minority and disadvantaged first-generation students





# Federal GEAR UP Grant

- **GEAR UP projects are designed to:**
  - Provide or maintain a guarantee of financial assistance to participating low-income students pursuing postsecondary education
  - Provide academic and co-curricular support services to students at risk of dropping out of school
  - Provide students and families with information demonstrating the advantages of pursuing higher education, as well as options for financing higher education



# Indiana GEAR UP

- The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) received a GEAR UP grant for \$30 million over 6 years, beginning in September of 1999.
- In 2005, SSACI reapplied for a new GEAR UP grant and was awarded a grant for nearly \$19 million.
- SSACI received GEAR UP funds until 2012. Reapplied in partnership with Purdue University in 2014.



# Indiana GEAR UP

- GEAR UP funds support state and local education reform initiatives, fostering sustained systemic change in middle and high schools.
- Our statewide effort aims to strengthen academic preparation, college readiness and career guidance with a special focus on students in Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program.



# Indiana GEAR UP

- The governor of each state may designate only one agency to apply for and administer a GEAR UP state grant
- Purdue University is the Indiana GEAR UP grant recipient and will sub-grant to the Commission
- The grant amount is anticipated to be \$3.5 million annually with the allocation totaling as much as \$24.5 million over seven years.





# Purdue University & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Partnership



# Indiana GEAR UP

- **Goal:** Increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education
- **Strategy:** Targeted regional partnerships with rural and urban school corporations and **growing statewide capacity** to support students in grades 7-16 across Indiana.



# Objective 1: Increase Academic Performance and Preparation

- **Outcome 1.1** - The percentage of IN GEAR UP cohort students who complete Pre-Algebra by 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Algebra 1 by 10<sup>th</sup> grade, will be 70%.
- **Outcome 1.2** - 85% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will complete two mathematics courses beyond Algebra I by graduation.
- **Outcome 1.3** - Each year, 85 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will make significant progress from baseline on the ACT Aspire assessment in grades 7-9 and the cohort will score significantly higher than comparison group on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade administration.
- **Outcome 1.4** - Each academic year at least 95 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will be promoted to the next level of schooling.

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# Objective 1: Increase Academic Performance and Preparation

- **Outcome 1.5** - 85% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will successfully complete at least three college credits through dual enrollment options in high school.
- **Outcome 1.6** - IN GEAR UP cohort will successfully complete three science courses in high school.
- **Outcome 1.7** - IN GEAR UP cohort will significantly outperform comparison group on PSAT exam in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Outcome 1.8** - IN GEAR UP cohort will significantly outperform comparison group on SAT/ACT exam in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.



# Objective 2: Increase HS Graduation and Postsecondary Education Enrollment Rates

- **Outcome 2.1** - Significantly more IN GEAR UP cohort students will complete and graduate from high school on schedule than students from the comparison group.
- **Outcome 2.2** - By 8<sup>th</sup> grade, all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have enrolled in the Scholar Success Program.
- **Outcome 2.3** - By end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 100% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have created a graduation plan.



# Objective 2: Increase HS Graduation and Postsecondary Education Enrollment Rates

- **Outcome 2.4** - By the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, 90% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed a college entrance exam, and by 12<sup>th</sup> grade completed an application for college and financial aid.
- **Outcome 2.5** - Significantly less IN GEAR UP cohort students will be required to take remedial college courses in English and mathematics than the state average for low-income students.
- **Outcome 2.6** - Significantly more IN GEAR UP cohort will complete at least 30 college credits in their first year of full-time enrollment than the state average for low-income students.



# Objective 3: Increase Students' and Families' Knowledge of Postsecondary Options, Preparation and Financing

- **Outcome 3.1** - By the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 100 percent of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Career Interest Survey.
- **Outcome 3.2** - By the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade 100% of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Paying for College 101 module and by end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade 100% will complete the College Success 101 module.
- **Outcome 3.3** - By the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade, all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed an individualized workplace experience.



# Objective 3: Increase Students' and Families' Knowledge of Postsecondary Options, Preparation and Financing

- **Outcome 3.4** - By the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, 90 percent of parents of IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed the Postsecondary Awareness Survey.
- **Outcome 3.5** - By the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 85% of all IN GEAR UP cohort students will have completed a summer bridge program.



# Objective 4: Grow Statewide Capacity to Support College and Career Readiness and Postsecondary Access and Success

- **Outcome 4.1** - Each year the percentage of students who successfully complete the Scholar Success Program and receive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship will increase 5%.
- **Outcome 4.2** - Each year the percentage of students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch that attend postsecondary study in Indiana will increase by 5%.
- **Outcome 4.3** - Each year the percentage of new college students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in remedial coursework will decrease by 5 percent.
- **Outcome 4.4** - Each year the percentage of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar students attending Indiana postsecondary institutions who make satisfactory progress (30 credits) will increase 10%.



# Objective 4: Grow Statewide Capacity to Support College and Career Readiness and Postsecondary Access and Success

- **Outcome 4.5** - By the end of the IN GEAR UP project, the state of Indiana will have developed and disseminated academic intervention tools and professional development for teachers for use in grades 7-10 mathematics and ELA.
- **Outcome 4.6** – Each year the IN GEAR UP program will reach 10% more teachers statewide through professional development at Education Service Centers and/or Purdue Educator Portal and participants will gain increased capacity to deliver internationally benchmarked academic standards and make academic interventions.
- **Outcome 4.7** – Indiana postsecondary students (low-income) will report more positive experiences and improved preparation and progress in college each year.





# 26 Indiana GEAR UP Schools

## (14 JR-SR High Schools and 12 High Schools)

- Community Schools of Frankfort (Frankfort MS, Frankfort HS)
- Crawford County Community Schools (Crawford County MS, Crawford County HS)
- Gary Community School Corporation (Williams Annex, West Side Leadership Academy)
- Greater Clark County Schools (Charleston MS, Parkview MS, River Valley MS, Charleston HS, Jeffersonville HS)
- Indianapolis Public Schools (Harshman Magnet MS, John Marshall HS, Northwest HS, Purdue Polytechnic HS)
- Kokomo School Corporation (Maple Crest MS, Kokomo HS)
- Lafayette School Corporation (Sunnyside Intermediate, Tecumseh JH, Jefferson HS)
- Maconaquah School Corporation (Maconaquah MS, Maconaquah HS)
- Metropolitan School District of Warren Township (Stonybrook MS, Warren Central HS)
- Muncie Community Schools (Northside MS, Southside MS, Central HS)



# GEAR UP Activities

- *School-based Support*
  - Purdue University will provide one-on-one student support around math, science and Scholar Success Program activities
  - The Commission will assist with training building coordinators and school staff around Scholar Success Program curriculum
- *Student Programs & Events*
  - The Commission will host a series of Summer Bridge Programs (8) around the state to reduce summer melt and prepare more students for college
  - The Commission will host Campus Visits (10) for students as early as 8<sup>th</sup> grade



# GEAR UP Activities

- *Focused on Academic Support and College/Career Readiness*
  - In-school Support – Tutors, mentors, teacher (Regional IN GEAR UP Coordinator)
  - After-school Programming – Homework Diner, STEM Enrichment Program
  - Summer Programs – STEM Camp (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Bridge program (HS juniors)
  - Field trip to college campus – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ACT Aspire Assessment – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grades

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# Community Partners

- The Commission will build capacity in communities across the state via training, resources and in-person support through the following primary networks:
  - ***College Success Coalitions*** – A network of state and local organizations working to increase college access and success across the state of Indiana.
  - ***Purdue Extension Offices*** – Purdue Extension provide tailored services that meet the local needs of communities in all 92 counties.

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# GEAR UP Activities

- *Outreach, Communications and Support*
  - The Commission will build effective relationships with College Success Coalitions and Purdue Extension Offices
  - Increase awareness of Scholar Success Program activities and Learn More Indiana Resources
- *Trainings and Technical Assistance*
  - Host statewide 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teacher Academy Trainings
  - Facilitate statewide Community Partner Trainings





# Budget and Implementation Timeline



# Indiana GEAR UP Budget

- Purdue University will sub-grant funding to the Commission on an annual basis
- Over the 7-year grant period, the Commission will receive up to \$6.1 million dollars

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Total
<b>Total</b>	\$3,499,999	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,001	\$3,500,001	\$3,499,999	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	<b>\$24,500,000</b>
<b>Commission for Higher Education</b>	\$620,000	\$896,000	\$896,000	\$896,000	\$896,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	<b>\$6,104,000</b>





# Timeline

- **September 2017:** Funding awarded; first year funding period backdated to August 2017
- **First 90 Days:** Meeting with partners, hiring staff, securing space, needs analysis and building programming
- **January 2017:** Services begin in schools
- **April 2017:** Annual Report due



# Marketing and Communication

- Indiana GEAR UP Branding – Unified marketing strategy
- Press Release – Purdue and CHE
- Website Development – Launch March 2017
- IN GEAR UP – Logo and Infographic





# Questions

